ELECTRICAL INVENTIONS. TELEGRAPHING THROUGH THE AIR TO A FLYING RAILROAD TRAIN.

the Presence of Firedamp in Mines, Which He Gives Freely to the World.

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[Special Correspondence.]
New York, Feb. 10.—Still more of the NEW YORE, Peb. 10.—Still more of the marvelous powers of the agency which we call electricity are demonstrated in the last invention for telegraphing from a moving train. The device is the joint work of W. Wiley Smith, Thomas Edison and E. T. Gilliand. Edison himself, pleased as a school-boy, was abourd our train the other day when the device was tested. It is astonishingly simple, now that one known how the invention works. The principle involved is that of "telegraphy by induction," that is to say, by electrical currents leading through the air. One well known quality of electric ity is that it will jump through the airnosphere from one good conductor to another for a distance of over 400 feet. This property is the one taken advantage of in the new invention. The ordinary telegraph wires passing along all rail way lines convey the message the lengthwise distance. Thence it jumps, when it reaches the train, from the telegraph lines to the tin roofs of the cars. These are connected by a copper wire. In a little bunk in one of the cars sits the tele-These are connected by a copper wire. In a little bunk in one of the cars sits the tele-graph operator. Over his ears he has two



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TELEGRAPHER ON THE TRAIN.

The electric current passes from the wires through the air in waves at the rate of 500 feet per second. These form a continuous musical note. They strike the metal roofs of the car, connected by a wire. These act as an electric condenset, so called. A wire passes from them to the telephone receivers above the operator's ears. By means of these his quick ear catches the sound. By striking exceedingly quick, sharp strokes the sender is able to break the musical sound into notes. By practice he makes these short or long, as is desired. So the ear of the operator in the car catches the sounds, dot and dash, from an ordinary Morse key, and reads them. He has in the car with him an electro-magnet and a battery. When he TELEGRAPHER ON THE TRAIN. electro-magnet and a battery. When he telegraphs back the message jumps in the same manner from the roofs of the cars through the air to the wires, thence over them to the station. An electric condenser and the telephone and the telephone receiver enable the op-erator to catch the sounds.

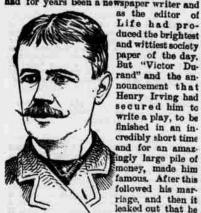
"But does not that interfere with the ordinary messages " asked your correspondent.
"Not at all," was the answer. "This new method is telegraphy by induction, not by

direct transmission."

Our party that made the trial trip with the new invention over the Staten Island railway watched the experimenting in a state of pleased excitement. It was a per-

By means of this railway collisions may be avoided entirely. Its value in this respect can hardly be overestimated. During this memorable trip we discussed the bearings of the new invention on the future of railroading. For one thing, it will probably break up sudden trips of bank presidents to Canada for their health. It is expected that the machine will be put into operation on roads between Canada and the operation on roads between Canada and the United States first of all. Then a defrauded creditor can telegraph to a moving train upon any road and ascertain whether the defaulter he is looking for is on board.

An Invention for Detecting Firedamp. Another valuable application of elec-tricity comes from an unexpected source. It will be remembered that the brillian success of the play of "Victor Du-rand" flashed before the public the name of Henry Guy Carleton as the author. He had for years been a newspaper writer and as the editor of Life had pro-



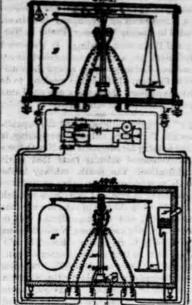
and wittiest society paper of the day. But "Victor Durand" and the announcement that Henry Irving had secured him to write a play, to be finished in an incredibly short time and for an amazingly large pile of money, made him famous. After this followed his marriage, and then it leaked out that he

was the author of on the editorial page of The New York Times.

He has been the subject of much newspaper gossip since. Now he comes to the front as a philan bropist in the invention of an incention, and sortly needed contributed. genious and sorely-needed contrivance for the purpose of indicating the presence or approach of firedamp and other dangerous gases in coal mines. The idea is bestowed gratis on the world by the inventor, he de-clining to take out patents on any of the parts or devices which enter into the construc-tion of the machine. This invention will tion of the machine. This invention will likely bring his name down to posterity linked with that of Sir Humphrey Davy, who devised the present safety lamp. The advantage of Mr. Carleton's device over that of the Davy safety lamp is that he can by his device detect a fraction of 1 per cent. of firedamp, while the Davy lamp will indicate only 4 per cent, which is at times danger-ous. The way to detect an explosive mixture in a mine with the safety lamp is after the well known recipe for telling a toadstool cat it, and if you live it is a mushroom. If you go into a mine with the Davy safety lamp and there is an explosion, it was caused by firedamp. With Mr. Carleton's invention danger is automatically recorded at the office of the company, so that it is not necessary to enter the mine for an examination.

It consists, says The Scientific American, of a pair of balances, each having at the beam a receptacle containing a given quantity of hydrogen gas; the receptacles are duly counterbalance. The moving parts of the two instruments are electrically connected and when properly adjusted any motion of one balance will instantly affect

"I .. vo an appetite," complains many a su ler r. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives an appetite, and enables the stomach to cure cold, croup, asthma, deafness and perform its duty.



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placed within a coal mine and the other in the superintendent's office. Should an inflow of firedamp occur in the mine, the beam of the balance will instantly turn, carrying warning signals and alarms wherever wanted, together with information to the office showing the degree of change in the atmosphere of the mine. Ample time thus will be afforded, whether in night or day, to secure the safety of the miners; and the condition of the mine, whether safe or dangerous, will at all times be indicated by the instrument.

Mr. Carleton has had no end of a romantic history. He is the son of Gen. Carleton, and was educated as a mining engineer. His inherited love for a military career drew him into the regular army. Becoming weary of a soldier's life, he turned to earning a splendid living by his pen. Some of his work during the Grant obsequies brought him \$100 a column. As a humorous writer he could not possibly supply the demand for his work only for the fact, as he says, that he comes high. In course of a chat with Carleton the other day he told me of one of the inventions of his fertile brain, and how it brought fortune to another. Carleton, by the way, is the most delicious stammerer in the world. When his tongue trips up and fails to work, he does not make any attempt at talking, but simply stops short until the balky vocal organ is ready to go ahead. There are many hitches and delays in his conversation, but it is more than made up for by the richness of his humor and the cleverness of his ideas. His invention on which another reaped the reward was this: While working on a New Orleans paper he found there was a certain style of broad humor and little digs at religion that no paper east would care to own. So he hit on the idea of crediting all these paragraphs to a little Oshkosh paper that he had run across in his army experience. No jokes of that time were copied or circulated so largely as those from what we will call The Oshkosh Gasetta. Several years afterwards he happened t from what we will call The Oshkosh Gasetta. Several years afterwards he happened to be in Oshkosh, and he thought he would see if this paper was still in existence. Instead of the tumble-down shanty, of which he carried a picture in his memory, he found a substantial brick building as the home of The Gasette. He went in and complimented the proprietor on his prosperity. In the course of conversation the latter admitted that it was largely due to the work of some blamed.

of conversation the latter admitted that it was largely due to the work of some blamed fool in the east, who kept crediting stories to his paper. For a time he could not understand why the "ada," subscriptions and demands for his paper came so suddenly from the east. But when he did "catch on" he said he simply republished as original all the jokes foating around the country credited to his paper. So this unknown paragrapher brought him fame and fortune. "Thus," adds Mr. Carleton, "do the righteous ever triumph and virtue reaps its own reward."

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No Telling What They Won't Do. [McArthur Democrat.]

Mrs. R. (to her help;) "Maggie, have the clothes been brought in from the

Maggie: "No, ma'am; they are frozen fast to the clothes line, and I can't get

Mrs. R.: "Very well, I presume no-body will steal them to-night."

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